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AMENDMENT PRELIMINARY TO EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action dated November 4, 2004, reconsideration of the claims in the above-identified patent application is requested for the reasons given below.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-23 were originally presented and have been canceled.

Claims 24-53 were submitted by preliminary amendment.